

Coles Auditor Certification Update

Sydney, Australia: RABQSA International is updating the Coles Auditor Certification Scheme. The scheme opened on the 1st of November 2006 to all existing and new food safety auditors.

Coles Auditor applicants are required to be certified in the RABQSA National Food Safety Auditor (NFSA) personnel certification scheme or the RABQSA Qualification-based Food Safety Auditor (Q-B FSA) personnel certification scheme with additional criteria identified by the Coles Scheme Committee as having to be demonstrated in order to perform supplier audits against Cole's requirements.

To apply for Coles Auditor certification, applicants must provide evidence of:

- 1. Employment with a Coles – Approved Certification Body;**
- 2. Current certification with RABQSA as a NFSA Level 3 or 4 Auditor;**
OR
RABQSA Q-B FSA Auditor, Principal Auditor or Lead Auditor; and
- 3. Current certification/registration as an auditor to external Coles Approved Standards including BRC, SQF, and Freshcare.**

To enable Coles auditors to continue auditing, the following transitional arrangements have been defined:

- 1. All Coles Auditors are required to be certified by RABQSA as a Coles Auditor by 30 June 2008.**
- 2. Auditors who have completed a successful Coles Skill Examination post January 1 2007 are required to complete certification with RABQSA by 31 December 2007.**

For more information about the Coles Auditor Certification Scheme please visit www.rabqsa.com or contact the RABQSA Sydney office on **02 4728 4600**.

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